Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Factory is expected to commence production in 1948.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

226. ✻ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*): With regard to the proposed Vizhinjam Harbour will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the preliminrry investigations have been completed and whether final estimate has been prepared;

(*b*) whether any land has been acquired for the purpose;

(*c*) whether any special engineering staff has been appointed; and

(*d*) the nature of progress, so far made?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes. Preliminary investigation has been completed and a preliminary estimate has been preparcd.

(*b*) Acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(*c*) One Supervisor.

(*d*) The work was sanctioned only in June 1946 and the preliminary arrangements are being made.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

227. ✻ **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any improvements have been effected in regard to the Vizhinjam Harbour and if so, what is the nature and the cost of improvements effected?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No improvements have yet been effected. A scheme for forming the Harbour has been sanctioned.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member the total cost involved in implementing the scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: According to the preliminary estimates the amount is Rs. 242 lakhs.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member how long will it take to implement the scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The programme is to finish it in about three to four years.

Perunchani Scheme.

228. ✻ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker**: With respect to the Perunchani Scheme will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total estimated amount for the scheme;

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(*b*) the aggregate amount spent so far ;
(*c*) the officer who is in charge of the scheme ; and
(*d*) the nature of progress so far made ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) About 75 lakhs, including the amounts for Pechipara, Thriparappu and canals.

(*b*) Rs 5½ lakhs.

(*c*) Mr. V. V. Gopalakrishna Aiyar, Executive Engineer.

(*d*) The foundation of the right flank of the Perunchani dam has been completed besides collection of large quantities of materials. The construction of staff quarters and cooly lines has been completed. At Pechippara strengthening the earthen bund at gaps has been finished and grouting of the masonry dam is in progress. About 100 feet of Thripparappu, Pick up weir, has been concreted. The final channel alignment has also been completed.

Kuttapuzha canal.

229. **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which the work of the Kuttapuzha canal in Thiruvalla was begun ;

(*b*) whether any amount was budgetted and spent in 1121 ;

(*c*) the total amount spent till now ; and

(*d*) the probable date on which the canal will be opened ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) 1111 M. E.

(*b*) Amount budgetted Rs. 50,000. Amount spent—Nil.

(*c*) Rs. 75,806.

(*d*) It cannot be stated now.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know from the honourable member whether the work will be resumed this year ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir. i. e. 1122.

Scarcity of drinking water in Quilon.

230. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai :** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation regarding scarcity of drinking water in the Quilon Municipal area ?

Geological Department.

231. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Geological department was separated from the Department of Industries and began to function independently ; and

(*b*) the aims underlying such separation ?

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